

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to recognize April 24, 2001 as
HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

*Whereas, HIV disease is a global epidemic with more than
47 million people infected worldwide;*

*Whereas, During his administration President Clinton
declared AIDS a national security risk because HIV/AIDS
threatens the economies of the poorest countries, the stability
of friendly nations and the future of fragile democracies;*

*Whereas, Indiana has been hit hard by the HIV/AIDS
epidemic and is currently showing hints of an increase in the
presence of the disease;*

*Whereas, In Indiana males are still the most infected, but
females, minorities and children are increasingly becoming
infected;*

Whereas, Of the 2,164 persons living with HIV disease in



Indiana as of April 1, 2001, 45.1% are African American and 2.3% are Hispanic;

Whereas, Of the 1,752 persons living with AIDS in Indiana as of April 1, 2001, 37.4% are African American and 2.9% are Hispanic;

Whereas, Of the 2,260 persons who have died with AIDS as of April 1, 2001, 31.7% are African American and 1.9% are Hispanic;

Whereas, More than 17% of those persons living HIV disease in Indiana are female and a concomitant increase has been in children born to HIV infected women;

Whereas, Education is the key to prevention and reduction of HIV/AIDS in Indiana since prevention programs result in producing lasting behavior change necessary to reduce and prevent the spread of the disease;

Whereas, The Indiana State Department of Health is committed to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and is supported by the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, Wishard Health Services: Hispanic Health Project, the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, the Indianapolis Urban League, the Indiana Commission for Women, Brothers United, Inc. and the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males;

Whereas, The Black Caucus of the Indiana House of Representatives supports the prevention of HIV/AIDS among citizens of Indiana, and in particular, among African American, Hispanic and female populations in Indiana: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives



recognizes April 24, 2001 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to thank the Indiana State Department of Health for its tireless effort to educate the citizens of Indiana about HIV/AIDS in order to prevent rampant spread of the disease.

SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives salutes the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, Wishard Health Services: Hispanic Health Project, the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, the Indianapolis Urban League, the Indiana Commission for Women, Brothers United, Inc. and the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males for their support of the Indiana State Department of Health and their respective efforts to educate the citizens of Indiana about HIV/AIDS in order to reduce the spread of the disease.

SECTION 4. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the Black Caucus in its quest to keep the issue of HIV/AIDS on the forefront in the Indiana House of Representatives.

SECTION 5. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, the Indiana State Department of Health, Wishard Health Services: Hispanic Health Project, the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, the Indianapolis Urban League, the Indiana Commission for Women, Brothers United, Inc. and the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males.

